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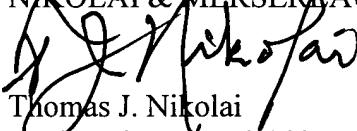
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This communication is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed April 22, 2005. The identifiers of Claims 1 and 8 have been changed from "previously amended" to – previously presented --. In addition, the identifiers of Claims 15-16 have been changed from "previously added" to – previously presented --.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-16 in view of the amendments made herein and the arguments presented in our amendment filed on April 15, 2005 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the foregoing Communication in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on April 22, 2005 in application Serial No. 10/657,378 of inventors, Scott T. Latterell, et al., filed September 8, 2003, for "Bipolar Electrosurgical Instrument for Cutting, Desiccating and Sealing Tissue" is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 3, 2005.

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